
MEMORANDUM

TO: TRIBAL COUNCIL
FROM: MIKE SCANLON
SUBJECT: UPDATE
DATE: JULY 24, 2003

Per our update on July 10, 2003, I wanted to follow up with additional information regarding your compact renegotiations, and of course, the historical political events occurring in Sacramento.

Recall

As you know, the recall efforts have been largely successful, and the Secretary of State has certified the petition. It is our contention that the recall effort has gained great momentum and the efforts to stall or quash it will fall considerably short. As we stated on the 10th, the Governor will likely stand for election in the fall, possibly as early as late September or October. We will continue to monitor the situation and address any issues that pertain to your compact negotiations.

Compact Renegotiation

The recall has opened a number of important questions that the Council should address. The most important is the question of what to do with regard to supporting or opposing any candidates in the upcoming election. We believe the Tribe has several options.

One such option would be to support the Governor. Governor Davis does have his detractors but he is also a fierce campaigner and come Election Day that is what the voters remember as they pull the lever. At this point, it appears he will have no Democratic challengers, which makes him ever more formidable. A second option is to support the recall/opposition effort. The quandary in this alternative is that there is not a clearly identified candidate. In addition, it is very unclear how receptive to some of the Tribe's agenda items a Republican candidate might be. Uncertainty is never helpful in a situation like this. The third possibility is to simply stay neutral. At this juncture, we believe that to be the best option. Until the field develops and the political picture becomes clearer, it is impossible to predict which candidate might prove to share in the same ideals as the Tribe. That said, the picture is changing rapidly in Sacramento, and we will stay in close contact with our ground team to ensure that we provide the council with timely and accurate updates and suggestions.

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Furthermore, the recall effort remains the dominant issue in Sacramento. Our ground team remains vigilant and prepared to relay any and all intelligence regarding the compact negotiation process. However, the recall effort will dominate the political landscape in Sacramento for at least the next 60-90 days, and as such, there will be little progress with the negotiations. As always, we will be in contact with you regularly while we remain in this "wait-and-see" posture.

We are looking forward to following up with you in regards to these issues in the near future. Please feel free to contact Chris Cathcart or myself at [REDACTED] at any time.

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